

Please add the following new claims:

51. (New) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
receiving, from said at least one supplier, a formal commitment to produce a needed
supply indicated in said constrained forecast.

52. (New) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
receiving, from said at least one supplier, a communication when said at least
one supplier is unable to produce a needed supply indicated in said constrained
forecast.

53. (New) A method of using an MRP system to facilitate supply chain
collaboration comprising:
running an MRP system to generate an unconstrained forecast; and
running the MRP system to generate a constrained forecast, said constrained
forecast taking into account at least one supplier capability statement, and said at least
one supplier capability statement based on a supplier receiving said unconstrained
forecast.
